

RANGE OF THERMOMETER.
The range of the thermometer at the Times office yesterday was as follows: 9 A. M., 32; 12 M., 42; 3 P. M., 45; 6 P. M., 33; 9 P. M., 30; 12 M., 24; average, 35.

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RICHMOND, VA. SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 1900.

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DEATH FOLLOWED HIS DAY'S LABORS

Mr. Richard L. Brown
Expired Suddenly.

HELP CAME TOO LATE.

Well-Known Merchant Found in Dy-
ing Condition.

WAS GASPING FOR HIS BREATH.

His Son-in-Law, Mr. E. A. Saunders,
Jr., Entered the Room Only to See
Mr. Brown Nearing the End.
The Dead Man Was One of
Richmond's Well Known
Business Men.

Death came almost instantly to Mr. Richard L. Brown, aged sixty-two years, at No. 1606 West Hanover Street, last night. He had finished the day's labors and returned home, when he suffered a stroke of apoplexy of the lungs. Every sign of perfect health had been exhibited by Mr. Brown during the past few years and up to yesterday afternoon, when he was last seen alive by his friends at the store of E. A. Saunders, Jr., on Cary Street, where he was associated with his son-in-law, Mr. E. A. Saunders, Jr., where he had carefully arranged the papers on his desk and left everything in the office in order.

Upon arriving home Mr. Brown immediately went to his room, feeling somewhat badly, and lay down.

THE END CAME QUICKLY.
A few moments later Mr. Saunders came and inquired of Mr. Brown, who replied that he would be all right shortly. Mr. Saunders hastened down stairs and telephoned for Dr. Moseley, but before he could get back Mr. Brown had died. This was a sudden death. The end was peaceful and tranquil; there was not even so much as a murmur.

Dr. Moseley, upon his arrival, announced the cause of death as above stated.

MR. BROWN'S CAREER.

Mr. Brown was born on April 10, 1838, and was educated at the schools of the city. Mr. Brown was one of Richmond's most thorough business men and, at one time, was one of the wealthiest and most successful of the city's wholesale merchants. He was at various times the head of the firm of Brown, Davis & Co., a director of the First National Bank, and a commissioner of the city of Richmond. He was also a stockholder in several business concerns of the city.

He began business with Mr. William Taylor, the father of Mayor Taylor, and clerked for him for several years. He then went to New York, where he was connected with the firm of William B. Jones & Co., and later became a partner in that concern. After the death of Mr. Jones, the firm of Brown, Pemberton & Co. succeeded the firm of William B. Jones & Co. The firm of Brown, Pemberton & Co. succeeded that of Brown, Pemberton & Co. Mr. Pemberton having withdrawn. In politics he was a Democrat and held several positions of honor given him by the Democrats of Richmond.

GENEROUS AND THOUGHTFUL.
Mr. Brown was generous and contributed largely to charitable organizations. His home was the home of hospitality and good cheer, and his friends ever found a hearty welcome there.

He resided on Church Hill for a number of years, where he was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, and acted as vestryman throughout his membership. Upon taking up his residence in the West End, Mr. Brown became a communicant at All Saints' Church.

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SELFISH EUROPE SET AN EXAMPLE

The President's Peace
Offer a Surprise.

FRANCE FEARED STEP.

Kruger's Appeal Passed Over Un-
heeded Owing to Public Feeling.

ALARMIST PREDICTIONS MADE

Tension of Feeling Between the Conti-
nental Republic and England Has
Undergone Abatement—Drey-
fusard Bitterly Opposed to
Government's Proposi-
tion for Amnesty.

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PARIS, March 17.—"The United States has shown selfish Europe an example," said a responsible official to a representative of the Associated Press when asked what was the feeling of the French government regarding President McKinley's offer of his good offices to England. "We felt," continued the official in question, "that our own position with respect to England, in view of the present state of public feeling there, was too delicate to admit of our acceding to Mr. Kruger's appeal; and, as this reluctance appeared to be shared by every other power, the action of the American government in taking the initiative came as an agreeable surprise. That it did not succeed does not detract from its merit."

The correspondent here called the official's attention to complaints of a portion of the French press that President McKinley refrained from backing up his offer, which was necessary to its success, some papers having only stated that his action was a mere election manoeuvre and not intended to be successful.

CRITICISM UNJUSTIFIED.
"In our view," replied the official, "these criticisms are utterly unjustified. President McKinley did even more than up to the last moment was expected over here. Only the members of chancelleries, who realized the delicate nature of such a step, can appreciate America's effort at peace. The French government, while not prepared to take the initiative, would, in conjunction with Russia, readily have supported America, but the promptitude of England's refusal cut the ground from under them."

The official informant added, that although there appeared to be little likelihood of intervention in the immediate future, yet hopes are still entertained that a good offer of good offices from the United States might be acceptable, powers may eventually intervene.

YET INTERVIEW.
"At any rate," said he, "it is not unlikely that it will be made if foreign interests are endangered by the threatened destruction of the Rand mine. This question is regarded as a serious matter here, and as being not merely possible, but probable. It is learned that the French Government has received information from another source, and it considers the descendants of the Dutchmen who flooded their own country in order to repel an invader, quite capable of following this historic precedent in the case of foreign-owned gold mines."

FRENCH PRESS ALARMISTS.
The French press has taken up the matter, and points out the enormous amount of French savings sunk in the Rand gold fields. It is stated that if the Boers carry out their threat it will take at least three years to reconstruct the surface machinery, and other plants, while immediate recovery could be wrought by dynamiting the underground works. France owns a third of the shares in the Transvaal mines; and these alarmist predictions have already had their effect on the quotations. Since Tuesday, Robins has dropped from 210 to 200; Ferreira from 140 to 135, and Geldenhuys from 145 to 140.

The tension of feeling between France and England certainly has undergone abatement this week, for which the conciliatory article of the London Times is largely responsible.

DREYFUSARD PROTEST.
The government's bill proposing amnesty in all criminal prosecutions which have arisen out of the Dreyfus affair meets with vigorous opposition from the Dreyfusards, to whom amnesty means deprivation of means of redress. Dreyfus himself wrote protesting against the bill. The Senate committee this week heard Colonel Picquart and M. Zola, both of whom warmly condemned all this measure.

ELOPED WITH NEGROES.

Michigan Town Reaches Conclusion
That It Has No Place for Blacks.

HOUTON, MICH., March 17.—Citizens of Laramie, a fine residence suburb of the big mining camp of Calumet, have appointed a committee to rid the town of negroes. They object to having it called a vigilance committee, and announce that only peaceable and legal methods will be used, but that the negroes must go. The negroes were almost unknown there until a sewer contractor brought in several car loads from Tennessee and Alabama eighteen months ago.

Several white girls have since eloped with negroes and constant trouble had to this action.

Princess Stephanie's Betrothal.

VIENNA, March 17.—The official Wiener Zeitung to-morrow will announce the betrothal of Princess Stephanie of Austria to Count Elemér Lónyay, and will publish an official communique on the subject of the wedding in a few days.

Theatre in Flames.

QUEBEC, March 17.—The Academy of Music is on fire. A large audience, gathered at a St. Patrick's Day celebration, had just left the theatre when the flames were discovered. The St. Louis Hotel, which adjoins the Academy, is burning, and will be a total loss.

Richardson After the Trusts.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Representative Richardson, of Tennessee, to-day introduced two more anti-trust resolutions, one against the American Steel and Wire Company and the other against the Federal Steel Company.

Asked Troops for White Caps.

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 17.—Last night Governor McSweeney received startling dispatches from Neeches, in Orangeburg county, stating that the community was terrorized by white caps. He was requested to send militia. The Governor hurried the sheriff to the place and received a dispatch from him saying everything is quiet to-day.

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